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Media Advisory

USU Celebrates First Founders' Day

BETHESDA, Md. – The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) is hosting its inaugural Founders' Day celebration Sept. 9.

USU was established by Congress in 1972 but has not commemorated its founding until now. The Founders' Day observance was established to honor all those who have made significant contributions to the evolution of the university. Since the first class of 29 physicians graduated in 1980, more than 4,000 medical, nursing and graduate students have earned degrees from the nation's only fully accredited federal health sciences university.

The showcase of the day's activities is a five-hour series of lectures and panel discussions entitled "*A Founders' Day Review of Medical Support for Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom*," featuring a number of alumni and faculty who have participated in these military operations.

In addition, beginning Sept. 9, *Our Nation's Resilience: Paintings, Public Education and Preparedness for Terrorism*, an educational art exhibit sponsored by the USU Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, will be displayed at the campus. Other Founders' Day activities include tours of the university, patient simulation laboratory and the National Capital Area Simulation Center,

rappelling demonstrations, a bricklaying ceremony, and a memorial service. The day culminates in the Founders' Day dinner.

The university has a worldwide reputation as a center of excellence and is the nation's leader in military medical education and research.

NOTE: Media representatives who would like to attend any portion of Founders' Day must contact the Office of University Affairs at (301) 295-9702 or 295-3166 by 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005.